

Dear Dear Senator Mae Flexer, Representative Dan Fox, Senator Rob Sampson, Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco and esteemed members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee:

My name is Emmett McGranaghan and I am a student in the state of Connecticut deeply concerned with upholding our democracy. To me, voting is about having a voice and having power in the policies that will shape American life. Voting and automatic voter registration will ensure that everyone in the fine state of Connecticut will be able to act in their own interests and express their opinions.

For many hard working citizens of Connecticut, the process of voter registration can be an inaccessible hassle. This is a barrier between the average American and their Constitutional right and duty to vote. Difficulty in registering to vote results in low voter turnout and the stifling our democracy. With AVR, we have a chance to give equal opportunity to all and give everyone the ability to use their voice in elections.

We recently learned that the bill doesn't add automatic voter registration to other state agencies that people interact with. Can you expand AVR to the Dept. of Social Services (DSS), HUSKY, Access Health CT, state colleges and universities and other state agencies?

With the many issues plaguing our country, change is not only necessary, it is dire and urgent. This change is brought when people join together and speak out. Ensuring everyone has the right to vote is essential for this. AVR is the future of Connecticut and our entire nation. Help us become the change.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify before you today on this important piece of legislation. I look forward to continuing to work with you on this issue.

Best,  
Emmett McGranaghan